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**Drug Counselor Sentenced to 55 Years to Life
in Prison for DUI Death of Pedestrian**

A substance abuse counselor was sentenced today to 55 years to life in prison for killing a pedestrian who was embedded in her vehicle's windshield for two miles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Sherri Lynn Wilkins, 53, was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Henry Hall. Wilkins was found guilty in February of one count each of second-degree murder, DUI causing injury, driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher and leaving the scene of an accident.

Phillip Moreno, 31, was walking on Torrance Boulevard near Madrid Avenue on Nov. 24, 2012, when he was struck by a car driven by Wilkins.

Wilkins continued to drive for two miles with Moreno, who was still alive, on her windshield. She was forced to stop after witnesses surrounded her car and detained her until police arrived. Moreno later died at an area hospital.

The case was investigated by the Torrance Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.